

Alan Brockman for a long and distinguished career, and on behalf of New York's First Congressional District and indeed all of Long Island, I wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2006

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, September 6, 2006, I was unavoidably detained due to a prior obligation.

Had I been present and voting, I would have voted as follows:

- (1) Rollcall No. 427 "yea" (H.R. 2808).
- (2) Rollcall No. 428 "yea" (H. Res. 605).
- (3) Rollcall No. 429 "yea" (H. Res. 875).

HONORING JUKE VAN OSS ON 55 YEARS OF BROADCASTING ON WHTC 1450

HON. PETER HOEKSTRA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2006

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in honor of Juke Van Oss for 55 years of broadcasting on WHTC 1450 in Holland, Mich. On Aug. 12, Juke celebrated 55 years of service to the station and his community.

Juke began his career in radio during World War II on the Pacific Front, transporting a radio for his infantry troop and transmitting codes. When the war ended, he returned home and continued to foster his interest in radio, obtaining his amateur license and later securing a job as a radio engineer for WHTC at 27 years old.

It was not until one morning that the announcer failed to arrive on time that Juke was able to sit at the microphone. An instant favorite of listeners, Van Oss began hosting his own morning show, and for the past 45 years he has hosted "Talk of the Town." Juke has become a household name and a local celebrity in the Holland area through his years behind the mic at WHTC.

When Juke started broadcasting in 1951, the United Nations headquarters officially opened in New York, "I Love Lucy" debuted on CBS and Bobby Thomson of the New York Giants hit the "Shot Heard 'Round the World" game-winning home run against the Brooklyn Dodgers to win the National League pennant.

Mr. Van Oss is not only a radio personality, but a community servant. He has served as a member of the Saugatuck Schools Board of Education and Village Council, including three years as Mayor, as well as President of the Chamber of Commerce and a seat on the Region 8 Criminal Justice Planning Council.

Mr. Speaker, please let it be known that on this Sept. 7, 2006, that the U.S. House of Representatives acknowledges the achievements of Mr. Van Oss and wishes him the best in his upcoming years of broadcast.

BEAM ME UP

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2006

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, let me get this straight: The Bush administration won't let the democratically elected President of Taiwan, a staunch ally and longtime friend of the United States, so much as stop to fill his airplane with gas in Alaska.

Yet they didn't hesitate to issue a visa to Muhammad Khatami, the former President of Iran—a country the U.S. has classified as a state sponsor of terrorism for nearly the last 30 years.

What can we expect next from the Rocket Scientists at State Department Mr. Speaker?

Fidel Castro throwing out the first pitch at the next Yankee game?

Kim Jong I spending the weekend at Disneyland?

Sudanese President Omar Al-Bashir giving a guest lecture on human rights at Cal-Berkley?

Hugo Chavez playing a round of golf at Army Navy?

As our old friend used to say Mr. Speaker—Beam Me Up.

IMMIGRATION REFORM

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2006

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, in my lifetime, no issue has so disturbed our domestic tranquility than immigration reform.

Thanks to the leadership of this House, the American people are convinced we have a serious problem with illegal immigration and the American people know the Senate bill granting amnesty to 12M illegal immigrants is not the answer.

There are many ideas of how we can move forward. Senator KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON of Texas and I have proposed a compromise that would:

—put border security first and reject amnesty;

—after 2 years of border security only, our plan would set up a new guest worker program using American employment firms outside the United States;

—illegal immigrants would be required to leave the country and apply at these Ellis Island Centers by submitting to a background check and health screening before being issued a 2-year guest worker visa. They also would have to pass an English course to renew it; and

—tough employer sanctions would drive companies and employees into this new system.

Pence-Hutchison puts border security first, and once that is accomplished, it creates a new guest worker program outside the United States without amnesty and without creating a new federal bureaucracy.

Some in Congress think we have done enough. I believe we must do more. Even in this contentious election year, the American people expect us to "be strong, courageous

and do the work" they elected this Congress to do.

A TRIBUTE TO THE BRAVERY OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY SHERIFF DEPUTIES JOE MAGEE AND COREY JACKSON

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2006

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, July 12, 2006, the swift, determined and heroic actions of Northampton County Sheriff's Deputy Joe Magee and Northampton County Sheriff's Deputy Corey Jackson preserved the peace and protected the citizens of our community in eastern North Carolina.

During the incident, Deputy Joe Magee, a 28-year law enforcement veteran, and Deputy Corey Jackson, a 3½-year veteran of the sheriff's department, bravely took control of an enraged, armed suspect in the courtroom of the Northampton County Courthouse.

Facing a charge of murder, the suspect flew into a rage when Superior Court Judge Alma L. Hinton rejected a request to dismiss his lawyer. Despite being shackled, the suspect managed to wrestle a gun from a nearby state correction officer and fired shots.

Deputy Corey Jackson forced the suspect's arms toward the ceiling after a corrections officer was struck by a bullet in the shoulder and Deputy Joe Magee shot the inmate in the abdomen, ending the threat.

These decisive, heroic and selfless actions preserved the lives of those present and met the highest call of duty. It is my privilege today to commend the officers for their outstanding efforts and for acts of courage and quick thinking that saved the lives of the people they are sworn to protect.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the citizens of Northampton County, North Carolina, whom it is my privilege to represent, and on behalf of the United States Congress, it is my honor to recognize and thank Deputy Joe Magee and Deputy Corey Jackson. Their tireless dedication and exceptional bravery serve our community and our Nation well.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN TIPPETS, NEWLY ELECTED DIRECTOR ON THE BOARD OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FEDERAL CREDIT UNIONS

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2006

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize John Tippetts, the president and CEO of American Airlines Federal Credit Union, located in Dallas-Fort Worth on his election to the Board of Directors of the National Association of Federal Credit Unions (NAFCU). John has been an advocate for federal credit unions for over 15 years at the state and local level.

I know John will serve with distinction in his new post, as this is just one more in a long